SUBJECT No. 97.

Abolition of irrigation cess on excess in minor inams.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Excess in minor inams, the survey valuation of which exceeds Rs. 5, is divided and treated as Government land, while that less than Rs. 5 in value is confirmed as inam, the assessment thereon being levied as additional quit-rent on the whole inam. Irrigation cess, being merged in the survey assessment, has to be levied only on the inam *beriz*, and not on the inam *beriz* and excess in inam, as is being done. The irrigation cess on the excess inam should be remitted.

*Reply of Government.*—According to the existing practice, the difference is added to the quit-rent and treated as kasar jodi, and as the quit-rent once settled is final, the irrigation cess is not liable to further revision unlike irrigation cess levied on Government lands. There are, therefore, distinct advantages in the arrangement and no change is called for.

SUBJECT No. 98.

Acquisition of lands for building sites.

Mr. Srinivas Sitaram Kulkarni, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Deputy Commissioners may be invested with powers to acquire lands required for the extension of village sites on payment of compensation to the owners concerned without reference to higher authorities.

*Reply of Government.*—Lands are acquired with all expedition and it is not necessary to invest Deputy Commissioners with any such powers.

SUBJECT No. 99.

Raiyats to be permitted to repair drains situated outside their lands.

Mr. Kigga Channakesava Rao, Koppa Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Raiyats may be permitted to repair drains situated at a little distance from their lands, which were dug by their ancestors. At present such cases are brought on the takrar takhta and the raiyats fined.

*Reply of Government.*—Orders will be issued granting permission to repair existing drains.

SUBJECT No. 100.

Wet cultivation under Marikanave tank.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit, Yedatore Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that a special officer may be appointed to encourage wet cultivation below the Marikanave tank.

*Reply of Government.*—The bulk of the land under the Marikanave tank has already been taken up. Much of the uncultivated land is already in the holding of private persons. Special facilities have been provided for the cultivation of such lands by permitting the use of water at favourable rates for raising dry and other crops for which the lands may be suitable and every encouragement is given to cultivators to come and settle in the tract.

SUBJECT No. 101.

Entry of certain particulars in survey maps.

Mr. H. Rama Rao, Tumkur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that the main channels, hallas, branch channels, foot-paths, etc., may be shown in maps and tippanis to be prepared hereafter, as great inconvenience is felt when disputes arise as to their existence.

*Reply of Government.*—Referred to the Superintendent of Survey.

SUBJECT No. 102.

Grant of copies of survey records to parties.

Mr. H. Rama Rao, Tumkur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that copies of survey records pertaining to patta lands may be granted when applied for by raiyats.

*Reply of Government.*—These records being preliminary and not final, the existing rules cannot be changed.

SUBJECT No. 103.

Revision of certain village account forms.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The present form prescribed for preparing "Kammi Jasti" account does not tally with entries made in other accounts. It is therefore requested that this account may be ordered to be prepared in the form prescribed for the survey settlement.

*Reply of Government.*—A revised form may be submitted for consideration to the Revenue Commissioner and the Survey Superintendent.

## FOREST.

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SUBJECT No. 104.

Sandal trees on occupied lands.

Messrs. Timmasetti, Govindaraju Mudaliar, Sahukar Davud Sab, Mudgere Taluk; Mudveera Chetty, Closepet Sub-Taluk; and Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk.

Messrs. B. Gangaiya, B. Appajaiya, Basanna and Veerabhadra Chetty, Bangalore City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—Sandal trees growing on occupied lands are the monopoly of Government. If the holder of the land is given at least a portion of the amount realized from the sale of such trees, he will be encouraged to plant such trees in large numbers. This will no doubt be a source of additional income to the State. It is requested that Government will see their way to order accordingly.

Holding the occupant responsible for the destruction of sandal trees on his lands often affords opportunities to malicious persons to bring the innocent into trouble. It will be just if the real culprit is traced and punished and not the occupant.

It is prayed that either the land-holders may be permitted to own the trees which naturally grow on their lands to the detriment of the garden plantation or the trees may be allowed to be destroyed as soon as they grow, so as to prevent the deterioration of their lands and save them from the clutches of subordinate officers.

*Reply of Government.*—The question is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 105.

Malnad concession rates for timber to be extended to raiyats residing within the boundaries of Municipalities.

Mr. H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Land-holders in the malnad are allowed concession rates of seigniorage for timber; but no such concession is shown to raiyats residing in the neighbouring municipal towns. The raiyats are not allowed to bring into municipal towns even timber which they are entitled to remove for use in the villages in which they hold lands. It is therefore prayed that the